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REFERENCES

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1. The Department of Military Mobilization¹ is subordinate to the General Headquarters of the North Korean Army (NKA). The Headquarters of the Department is in P'yongyang, and each province and city has a Bureau of Military Mobilization. In case of a national emergency, the function of these bureaus is to enlist all young people in accordance with mobilization orders by means of propaganda and agitation.² Although the conscription system is not in force now, the Department of Military Mobilization is responsible for maintaining it in working order in preparation for a national emergency.

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2. Although the age of conscription in North Korea was theoretically from 18 to 30, in practice men from 18 to 40 or 50 were conscripted.³ Since the armistice, a system of voluntary enlistment for military service has been in force, but only a relatively small number of men have volunteered. Each community has a branch of the Democratic Youth Corps, and the staff directors of this organization attempt to discover which individuals are unemployed, disloyal, or a burden to the community and pressure them into volunteering for the army. Evasion of military service is very difficult in small towns and rural communities but is relatively easy in the larger, heavily populated cities.

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the North Korean Army Bureau of Conscription (P'yong Ch'ung Kuk) (5493/0339/1444) [] was probably the predecessor of the organization described in this report.

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[REDACTED] physical examinations were to be given to all men in the Yonan (BS5198) area between the ages of 18 and 40 years prior to induction in a reserve force composed of village self-defense teams and various employee groups.

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